

The Art And Craft Of Coffee: An Enthusiast's Guide To Selecting, Roasting And Brewing Exquisite Coffee

A history of fiber and textiles--including thread, rope, string, felt and fabric--in the postwar American craft and art world includes full-color illustrations and covers the art form from the 1960s to the emergence today of a craft counterculture. Original.

From Charles Johnson—a National Book Award winner, Professor Emeritus at University of Washington, and one of America’s preeminent scholars on literature and race—comes an instructive, inspiring guide to the craft and art of writing. An award-winning novelist, philosopher, essayist, screenwriter, professor, and cartoonist, Charles Johnson has devoted his life to creative pursuit. His 1990 National Book Award-winning novel *Middle Passage* is a modern classic, revered as much for its daring plot as its philosophical underpinnings. For thirty-three years, Johnson taught and mentored students in the art and craft of creative writing. *The Way of the Writer* is his record of those years, and the coda to a kaleidoscopic, boundary-shattering career. Organized into six accessible, easy-to-navigate sections, *The Way of the Writer* is both a literary reflection on the creative impulse and a utilitarian guide to the writing process. Johnson shares his lessons and exercises from the classroom, starting with word choice, sentence structure, and narrative voice, and delving into the mechanics of scene, dialogue, plot and storytelling before exploring the larger questions at stake for the serious writer. What separates literature from industrial fiction? What lies at the heart of the creative impulse? How does one navigate the literary world? And how are philosophy and fiction concomitant? Luminous, inspiring, and imminently accessible, *The Way of the Writer* is a revelatory glimpse into the mind of the writer and an essential guide for anyone with a story to tell.

Editing is an invisible art where the very best work goes undetected. Editors strive to create books that are enlightening, seamless, and pleasurable to read, all while giving credit to the author. This makes it all the more difficult to truly understand the range of roles they inhabit while shepherding a project from concept to publication. In *What Editors Do*, Peter Ginna gathers essays from twenty-seven leading figures in book publishing about their work. Representing both large houses and small, and encompassing trade, textbook, academic, and children’s publishing, the contributors make the case for why editing remains a vital function to writers—and readers—everywhere. Ironically for an industry built on words, there has been a scarcity of written guidance on how to actually approach the work of editing. This book will serve as a compendium of professional advice and will be a resource both for those entering the profession (or already in it) and for those outside publishing who seek an understanding of it. It sheds light on how editors acquire books, what constitutes a strong author-editor relationship, and the editor’s vital role at each stage of the publishing process—a role that extends far beyond marking up the author’s text. This collection treats editing as both art and craft, and also as a career. It explores how editors balance passion against the economic realities of publishing. *What Editors Do* shows why, in the face of a rapidly changing publishing landscape, editors are more important than ever.

Designed to teach the craft of writing poetry, this volume discusses the different types of poems, detailing the steps in writing each type, and includes examples of poems by such masters as Milton, Poe, Shakespeare, Rossetti, and Eliot.

The Art and Craft of Fiction

The Art and Craft of Motion Picture Editing

The Art & Craft of Handmade Paper

The Art and Craft of Poetry

String, Felt, Thread

The Art and Craft of International Environmental Law

The Craft of Art

The Art and Craft of TV Directing offers a broad and in-depth view of the craft of TV Directing in the form of detailed interviews with dozens of the industry’s most accomplished episodic television directors. Author Jim Hemphill provides students with essential information on the complexities of working in episodic TV, highlighting the artistic, technical, and interpersonal skills required, and exploring a variety of entry points and approaches to provide a comprehensive overview of how to begin and sustain a career as a television director. The book discusses how to merge one’s personal style with the established visual language of any given show, while also adhering to tight budgets and schedules and navigating the complicated politics of working with showrunners, networks, and producers. The book also features interviews with a range of directors, from feature directors who have moved into episodic TV (Kimberly Peirce, Mark Pellington) to directors who have made the transition from other disciplines like acting (Andrew McCarthy, Lea Thompson), hair and makeup

(Stacey K. Black) and stunts (David M. Barrett). This book provides unprecedented access to the experiences and advice of contemporary working episodic television directors, and is an ideal resource for students studying television directing, early career professionals looking for advice, and working directors looking to make the transition from feature directing to episodic TV directing.

An astounding and luxurious facsimile of a rare Victorian gardening guide, bound in cloth with exquisite color illustrations Since its initial publication in 1900, Thomas H. Mawson's book *The Art and Craft of Garden Making* has become the go-to guide for garden design, with multiple reprints that continue to withstand the test of time. Its chapters address numerous topics essential to successful landscape design, from "The Choice of a Site and Its Treatment" to "Flower Gardens, Beds, and Borders." The book's author, Thomas Hayton Mawson (1861-1933), was a British garden designer, landscape architect and town planner. He began his own landscape firm in the 1880s; he combined his botanical knowledge and eye for architectural details into unique plans for parks throughout Europe, many of which have since been restored to their former floral glory. With great attention to detail and diligent research, Mawson's expertise is apparent throughout the book. This facsimile of the fifth edition of *The Art and Craft of Garden Making* (1926) preserves both the beauty of the book's original design and the encyclopedic information contained within its pages. Featuring a sumptuous clothbound cover, gold detailing and illustrations, this publication is an art piece in and of itself as much as it is a valuable resource for professional and hobbyist gardeners alike.

Built around the idea that PR as a communications discipline has no boundaries, this book is the PR professional's manual for creating that specific type of mindset and building the necessary skills to meet today's communications challenges. --

Craftivism is a worldwide movement that operates at the intersection where craft and activism meet; *Craftivism* the book is full of inspiration for crafters who want to create works that add to the greater good. With interviews and profiles of craftivists who are changing the world with their art, and through examples that range from community embroidery projects, stitching in prisons, revolutionary ceramics, AIDS activism, yarn bombing, and crafts that facilitate personal growth, *Craftivism* provides imaginative examples of how crafters can be creative and altruistic at the same time. Artists profiled in the book are from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Asia, and their crafts include knitting, crocheting, sewing, textiles, pottery, and ceramics. There's the Brooklyn writer who creates large-scale site-specific knitted installations; the British woman who runs sewing and quilting workshops for community building and therapy; the Indonesian book maker and organizer of a DIY craft center; and the Oxford, England, cultural theorist and dress designer. A wonderful sense of optimism and possibility pervades the book: the inspiring notion that being crafty can really make the world a better place. Betsy Greer is a writer, crafter, researcher, and the author of *Knitting for Good!: A Guide to Creating Personal, Social and Political Change Stitch by Stitch*. She also runs the blog craftivism.com and believes that creativity and positive activism can save not only the soul, but also the world.

Lighting for Cinematography

The Art and Craft of Handmade Paper

William Esper Teaches the Meisner Technique

The Actor's Art and Craft

Originality and Industry in the Italian Renaissance and Baroque Workshop

The Art and Craft of TV Directing

In this collection of nine essays some of the preeminent art historians in the United States consider the relationship between art and craft, between the creative idea and its realization, in Renaissance and Baroque Italy. The essays, all previously unpublished, are devoted to the pictorial arts and are accompanied by nearly 150 illustrations. Examining works by such artists as Michelangelo, Titian, Volterrao, Giovanni di Paolo, and Annibale Carracci (along with aspects of the artists' creative processes, work habits, and aesthetic convictions), the essayists explore the ways in which art was conceived and produced at a time when collaboration with pupils, assistants, or independent masters was an accepted part of the artistic process. The consensus of the contributors amounts to a revision, or at least a qualification, of Bernard Berenson's interpretation of the emergent Renaissance ideal of individual "genius" as a measure of original artistic achievement: we must accord greater influence to the collaborative, appropriative conventions and practices of the craft workshop, which persisted into and beyond the Renaissance from its origins in the Middle Ages. Consequently, we must acknowledge the sometimes rather ordinary beginnings of some of the world's great works of art--an admission, say the contributors, that will open new avenues of study and enhance our understanding of the complex connections between invention and execution. With one exception, these essays were delivered as lectures in conjunction with the exhibition *The Artists and Artisans of Florence: Works from the Horne Museum* hosted by the Georgia Museum of Art in the fall of 1992.

- Fun and visually appealing way to understand how a book is made, through the work of 30 diverse contemporary makers and artists - Broad appeal: this book speaks to a broad audience of craftspeople - anyone related to books and bookmaking - whether they are amateurs or professionals - Author London Centre for Book Arts has strong social media following (40k followers on IG), and so do many of the featured makers - Beautifully illustrated with colorful and inspiring images, behind-the-scenes shots of the makers' studios, and photographs of the makers at work - Includes contributions from experts that give insight into the different processes used to make a book Books are a meeting place. A sum of their many parts and artistic approaches. Form, concept, material, and craft are bound together to create something rooted in its functionality; a process that often crosses over into the messier realm of art. *Books. Art, Craft & Community* presents a thriving ecosystem of papermakers, printers, bookbinders, artists, designers, and publishers from around the world. They draw on traditional skills, art, and experimentation to make books that matter today. With over 30 profiles - spanning traditional craftspeople, to modern makers reimagining the book for new audiences - and contributions from experts, we are given an insight into the history and contemporary context of the processes behind the books. Selected by Simon Goode and Ira Yonemura of the London Centre for Book Arts, these artists and makers share a spirit of curiosity and resilience. They not only adapt to new ways that readers engage with books, but are forging new possibilities for their craft along the way.

Brief, practical, and affordable, *The Art and Craft of Fiction* gives aspiring writers all they need, in a friendly voice that students love. Michael Kardos focuses on technique and presents fiction writing as a teachable (and learnable) art. With an organization built on methods and process rather than traditional literary elements, Kardos helps students begin their stories, write strong

scenes, use images and research detail, revise for aesthetics and mechanics, and finish and polish their own stories. Instructors trust *The Art and Craft of Fiction* to help structure their course, and reinforce and complement their teaching points with examples and exercises. A brief fiction anthology at the back of the book includes 15 selections that instructors praise for their usefulness in the creative writing classroom.

Filled with helpful checklists, charts, and suggestions for further reading, this practical, comprehensive, and multidisciplinary guide takes readers through the entire case-writing process, including skills for writing both teaching cases and research cases. This edition includes new discussions of students as case writers, and how to interpret and respond to reviews, as well as updated and expanded material on video, multimedia and Internet cases.

Classic Scrapbooking

The Art and Craft of Pounding Flowers

The Art & Craft of Movie Music

A Practical Guide to Harvesting, Choosing, Reclaiming, Preparing, Crafting, and Building with Raw Wood

What Editors Do

The Art and Craft of Papermaking

Reissued with a new introduction by B. Guy Peters

Storytelling—how to catch and hold a reader's interest through artful narration of factual material William E. Blundell, one of the best writers on one of America's best-written papers—*The Wall Street Journal*—has put his famous Journal Feature-Writing Seminars into this step-by-step guide for turning out great articles. Filled with expert instruction on a complex art, it provides beginners with a systematic approach to feature writing and deftly teaches old pros some new tricks about: · How and where to get ideas · What readers like and don't like · Adding energy and interest to tired topics · Getting from first ideas to finish article · The rules of organization · How—and whom—to quote and paraphrase · Wordcraft, leads, and narrative flow · Self-editing and notes on style ... plus many sample feature articles.

The Art & Craft of the Short Story explores every key element of short fiction, including story structure and form; creative and believable characters; how to begin and where to end; and the generation of ideas; as well as technical aspects such as point of view; plot; description and imagery; and theme. Examples from the work of a wide variety are used. The author includes five of his own stories to demonstrate these topics.

A masterful introduction to the actor's craft presents a series of rigorous but flexible exercises, based on the Meisner Technique of acting, designed to help actors deal with a wide variety of performance challenges. Original. 15,000 first printing.

"In the decades that Kevin Sinnott has spent meeting with and interviewing hundreds of coffee professionals, rather than crossing over to the dark side and becoming one himself, he has taken what he has learned and translated it from coffee geek-speak into English. Why? For the sole purpose of allowing you to better enjoy your coffee. In short, if you like coffee, you will love this book." —Oren Bloostein, proprietor of Oren's Daily Roast There is no other beverage that gives you a better way to travel the world than coffee. You can literally taste the volcanic lava from Sumatra, smell the spice fields of India, and lift your spirits to the Colombian mountaintops in your morning cup of joe. *The Art and Craft of Coffee* shows you how to get the most out of your coffee, from fresh-roasted bean to hand-crafted brew. In *The Art and Craft of Coffee*, Kevin Sinnott, the coffee world's most ardent consumer advocate, educates, inspires, and caffeinates you. Inside you will find: Delicious recipes for dozens of coffee and espresso beverages

The Art and Craft of Entertaining

The Art and Craft of Biblical Preaching

The Art and Craft of Garden Making

The Hierarchy of Art and Craft in American Art

The Art and Craft of Coffee

Craftivism

Arts & Crafts Homes and the Revival

Originally published in 1897, this early work is a fascinating novel of the period and still an interesting read today. Contents include; The function of Latin, Chansons De Geste, The Matter of Britain, Antiquity in Romance, The making of English and the settlement of European Prosody, Middle High German Poetry, The 'Fox, ' The 'Rose, ' and the minor Contributions of France, Icelandic and Provencal, The Literature of the Peninsulas, and Conclusion..... Many of the earliest books, particularly those dating back to the 1900's and before, are now extremely scarce and increasingly expensive. We are republishing these classic works in affordable, high quality, modern editions, using the original text and artwor

In this perfect companion for anyone beguiled by memoirs or embarking on writing one, nine distinguished authors -- Russell Baker, Jill Ker Conway, Annie Dillard, Ian Frazier, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Alfred Kazin, Frank McCourt, Toni Morrison, and Eileen Simpson -- reflect on the writing process.

The writer and botanical illustrator presents fifty projects for creating botanical designs on tablecloths, napkins, pillows, lampshades, place mats, scarves, and greeting cards. Original.

The second edition of Rotenberg's popular guide to college teaching includes additional material on teaching in a digital environment, universal design, and teaching diverse students. As in the first edition, the book provides a hands-on, quick-start guide to the complexities of the college classroom for instructors in their first five years of teaching independently. The chapters survey the existing literature on how to effectively teach young adults, offering specific solutions to the most commonly faced classroom dilemmas. The author, a former department chair and award-winning instructor, encourages the new teacher to

support their students as individual learners who are engaged in a program of study beyond their individual class. A focus on the choices made during the design of the course helps the instructor coordinate their class with a department or college curriculum. An extensive discussion of the relationship between classroom design and class size, as well as tips of assessment and grading, enable the new instructor to better handle the challenges of contemporary college classrooms.

A Practical Guide to the Art and Craft of Lighting for the Moving Image

The Way of the Writer

Screenwriting is Rewriting

An Enthusiast's Guide to Selecting, Brewing, and Serving Exquisite Tea

The Art & Craft of the Short Story

An Enthusiast's Guide to Selecting, Preparing, and Enjoying Artisan Chocolate at Home

The Art & Craft of PR

A step-by-step guide that takes the mystery out of rewriting and leads the writer through a series of focused passes which address the core fundamentals of screenwriting resulting in a polished screenplay.

Looks at the different types of scrapbooks that people keep and why and provides instructions on creating a variety of books

International environmental law is often closer to home than we know, affecting the food we eat, the products we buy, and even the air we breathe. Drawing on more than two decades of experience as a negotiator, consultant, and academic, Daniel Bodansky brings a real-world perspective on the processes by which international environmental law develops, and influences the behavior of state and non-state actors. An innovative approach to bookbinding explains techniques that elevate handmade books into extraordinary artworks. Simple, well-illustrated directions explain how to make pop-up panels, pages that fold into the spine, slipcases, and more.

The Art of Craft and Activism

The Art and Craft of Handmade Books

A Comprehensive Resource for Today's Communicators

The Art and Craft of Wood

The Art and Craft of Policy Analysis

The Art and Craft of Drawing

The Art and Craft of Geometric Origami

The Art and Craft of Wood shows you how to mill, stack, dry, and flatten a log into useable lumber and build a variety of household furnishings. Trees are all around us. They provide shade, beautify our neighborhoods, filter our water, and clean our air, but when they die, we often don't know what to do with them. Now you can learn the skills to reclaim those trees as lumber. Perfect for the woodworking hobbyist, The Art and Craft of Wood introduces readers to the basics of wood craft. The Art and Craft of Wood will inspire you to make something of your own through simple, step-by-step photos. As a reader, you will learn valuable skills, including: Where to find wood that you can reclaim for your own use How to mill, stack, dry, and flatten your log into useable lumber Create a variety of useful household furnishings in 7 step-by-step projects ranging in difficulty from novice to more complicated What to do with leftover material, such as making firestarters and animal bedding Authors Silas Kyler and David Hildreth are also the filmmakers behind the documentary Felled, a film about giving new life to urban trees; they have lived the process of refining wood. The Art and Craft of Wood is their guide to you!

The Art and Craft of Policy Analysis is a classic work of the Public Policy discipline. Wildavsky's emphasis on the values involved in public policies, as well as the need to build political understandings about the nature of policy, are as important for 21st century policymaking as they were in 1979. B. Guy Peters' critical introduction provides the reader with context for the book, its main themes and contemporary relevance, and offers a guide to understanding a complex but crucial text.

With the increasing popular interest in mindfulness—and seeking quiet in the tumult of modern life—origami, the centuries-old practice of paper folding, has enjoyed a tremendous resurgence. With origins possibly dating to sixth century Buddhism, the art of creating shapes from pieces of paper offers an appealing combination of calming concentration and the opportunity to create small works of art with our own hands. This mind-bending collection of geometric origami includes twenty-seven inventive shapes, from simple one-piece pyramids to beautiful and intricate starbursts, each carefully designed and explained with illustrated step-by-step instructions. Also included are thirty-two sheets of origami paper to get you started.

Is it possible to compare French presidential politics with village leadership in rural India? Most social scientists are united in thinking such unlikely juxtapositions are not feasible. Boswell, Corbett and Rhodes argue that they are possible. This book explains why and how. It is a call to arms for interpretivists to embrace creatively comparative work. As well as explaining, defending and illustrating the comparative interpretive approach, this book is also an engaging, hands-on guide to doing comparative interpretive research, with chapters covering design, fieldwork, analysis and writing. The advice in each revolves around 'rules of thumb', grounded in experience, and illustrated through stories and examples from the authors' research in different contexts around the world. Naturalist and humanist traditions have thus far dominated the field but this book presents a real alternative to these two orthodoxies which expands the horizons of comparative analysis in social science research.

A Writer's Guide

An Enthusiast's Guide to Selecting, Roasting, and Brewing Exquisite Coffee

The Art and Craft of Feature Writing

The Art and Craft of Case Writing

The Art and Craft of Teaching

Art, Craft & Community

A Guide for New Professors and Graduate Students

Detailed instructions and step-by-step photographs provide guidance in the selection and preparation of fibers to the final pressing and parting, drying and coloring of the finished sheets.

DIVProfusely illustrated guide clearly outlines procedure for making attractive and useful paper in vast number of sizes, shapes, textures and colors—all from vegetable fibers. /div

A Comprehensive Resource for Today's Christian Communicators. This extensive encyclopedia is the most complete and practical work ever published on the art and craft of biblical preaching. Its 11 major sections contain nearly 200 articles, comprehensively covering topics on preaching and methodology, including: Sermon structure and "the big idea." The art of introductions, transitions, and conclusions. Methods for sermon prep, from outlining to exercising. Approaches to different types of preaching: topical, expository, evangelistic, and more. Best practices for sermon delivery, speaking with authority, and using humor. Leveraging effective illustrations and stories. Understanding audience. and much more. Entries are characterized by intensely practical and vivid writing designed to help preachers deepen their understanding and sharpen their communication skills. The contributors include a virtual Who's Who of preaching from a cross section of denominations and traditions, such as Dallas Willard, John Ortberg, Rick Warren, Warren Wiersbe, Alice Mathews, John Piper, Andy Stanley, and many others. Haddon Robinson and Craig Brian Larson—two of today's most respected voices in preaching—provide editorial oversight. Includes audio CD with preaching technique examples from the book.

Reviews the pertinent work of 25 composers, with an essay by each, a portrait, and a listing of their film score titles and film studios, arranged by data.

Books

Creating the Mindset and Skills to Succeed in Public Relations Today

The Art and Craft of College Teaching, Second Edition

The Art and Craft of Comparison

Based on The Wall Street Journal Guide

The Art and Craft of Tea

The Art and Craft of Professional Revision

*The Art and Craft of Handmade Books*Courier Dover Publications

A how-to book on the art, craft and practice of lighting for film & video for students and filmmakers.

This book explains the broader context of what the art and craft of motion picture editing entails, framing the creative acts of editing within an overall view of the production process and requirements for effective storytelling. This book offers real experiences and advice from seasoned editors on the editing process, providing a detailed examination of filmmaking from the editor's point of view and exploring how best to cultivate creative relationships with other areas of production to form the final personality of the film.

Emphasizing both practicality and creativity, industry veteran Michael Hoggan successfully bridges the gap between the mechanical skills of editing and the thought process behind these decisions. While most books focus primarily on the mind of the creator, this book explores the evolution of practices in film production and editing with respect to the ever-changing expectations of the audience. As the book demonstrates, understanding editing from the audience's perspective is essential to any successful film. This book will be of interest to post-production students, independent filmmakers, film critics, and agents with editing clients. It is accompanied by a collection of rich digital materials, including a glossary, bibliography, and more.

A practical guide for everyone who must deliver a lecture, lead a discussion, assign a grade, or carry out the hundreds of tasks involved in being a successful teacher from the first day of school to the last.

Reflections on the Art and Craft of Storytelling

The Art and Craft of Memoir

Film Score

Inventing the Truth

The Art and Craft of Chocolate

The Art, Craft, and Business of Book Editing

Conversations with Episodic Television Directors

Let Joseph Wesley Uhl be your guide to the entire world of tea; from peeks into tea production around the world to brewing your own blends at home.

"Water is the mother of tea, a teapot its father, and fire the teacher." -- Chinese Proverb As one of the most consumed beverages in the world, a cup of tea is a common shared experience across cultures and traditions. Companies and consumers alike are reawakening to the benefits of high-quality, unprocessed, natural beverages, and tea is a perfect obsession for anyone interested in artisan food and healthy eating. In *The Art and Craft of Tea*, entrepreneur and enthusiast Joseph Wesley Uhl brings to the story of tea its due reverence, making its history, traditions, and possibilities accessible to all. If you want to go beyond reading and enter your kitchen, Joseph offers "recipes" for creating your own tea blends using natural ingredients. Inside you'll find: - A detailed overview of tea's history and origins - Thoughtful descriptions of global brewing methods - Innovative ideas for iced tea, tea cocktails, and DIY blends.

Devoted to the Arts and Crafts Movement past and present, this new magazine celebrates the revival of quality and craftsmanship. Each issue is a portfolio of the best work in new construction, restoration, and interpretive design, presented through intelligent writing and beautiful photographs. Offering hundreds of contemporary resources, it showcases the work not only of past masters, but also of those whose livelihoods are made in creating well-crafted homes and furnishings today. The emphasis is on today's revival in architecture, furniture, and artisanry, informed by international Arts & Crafts and the early-20th-century movement in America: William Morris through the Bungalow era. Includes historic houses, essays and news, design details, how-to articles, gardens and landscape, kitchens and baths. Lots of expert advice and perspective for those building, renovating, or furnishing a home in the Arts & Crafts spirit. From the publisher of *Old-House Interiors* magazine and the *Design Center Sourcebook*. artsandcraftshomes.com

A world-renowned chocolate maker takes you on a grand tour of chocolate—from its processing, history, and trade to how it's made, bean to bar. *The Art and Craft of Chocolate* opens with the very basics, beginning with the cacao tree, and explains the process of growing cacao and the many hands it takes to process it. For centuries, chocolate has been used for many purposes all over the world: from a currency during the Mayan empire, to homemade beverages consumed by farm workers in Central America for energy, as well as in moles and other dishes in Mexican cuisine. *The Art and Craft of Chocolate* covers the cultural history of chocolate, as well as the birth of the chocolate bar. The cofounder and head chocolate maker of Raaka Chocolate, Nathan Hodge, then shows you how to hack the basic principles of chocolate-making at home using tools as simple as a food processor, a hair dryer, and a double boiler. In addition, he offers recipes for traditional moles from different regions of Mexico; traditional Mayan chocolate drinks; cocoa as a meat rub; and various baked goods. A leader in sustainable chocolate sourcing, Hodge introduces the concept of bean to bar chocolate—a process that starts with whole cocoa beans, which are roasted, ground, and smoothed into chocolate—and discusses sustainability and social consciousness, along with his own chocolate making philosophy. *The Art and Craft of Chocolate* "invites readers to take a deeper and more 'cuisine-focused' look at a ubiquitous product in the hopes they fall in love with it, too" (Edible Brooklyn).

Where do I begin? That's the question we start with when thinking about throwing a party -- and for many of us, that's the question we end with, too. We may like the idea of entertaining friends and family in our home, but the details -- those how to's of planning the party, making the food, and playing hostess -- can quickly overwhelm us, prompting us to tuck away the idea, waiting for another, better time. But it doesn't have to be that way. With *The Art and Craft of Entertaining*, author Kimberly Kennedy provides all the information and inspiration you need to plan, organize, and carry out a successful no-stress event. Marry some of her ideas with your own, and you'll be on the way to developing your style, gaining confidence as a hostess and elsewhere in your life. Whether you're throwing a cocktail party, a baby shower, or an intimate dinner for two, *The Art and Craft of Entertaining* will take you there, step-by-step. Instructive and encouraging, this essential book lays the groundwork for entertaining with style, demonstrating how to craft a perfect invitation for any occasion, organize your supplies into versatile and efficient arsenals, and plan a satisfying meal without breaking your budget. *The Art and Craft of Entertaining* shows how to mix passion with planning so that you can throw the party of your dreams. Inspiration without intimidation. That's *The Art and Craft of Entertaining*.